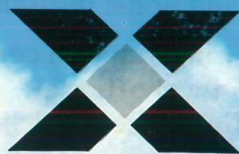


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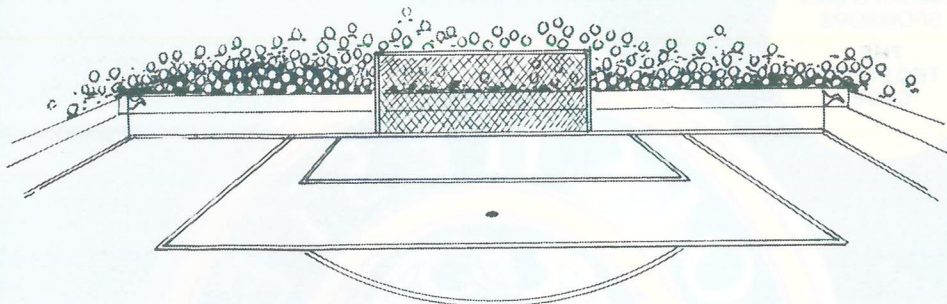
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Manager's Desk

Roger Brown

The result was right but the way it was achieved was somewhat disappointing. Still we are through to the Third Round of the Cup for the first time in several seasons and that cannot be bad.

The long journey to Plymouth is hardly the plum draw we had hoped for. But having said that I know the boys would rather visit Home Park than say Sutton United or Yeovil.

The Hereford cup tie once again underlined the fact that the squad definitely needs strengthening. I have been pursuing a number of lines with this end in view and hopefully this will produce tangible results in the not too distant future. One step in that direction was the signing of Keith Williams who has joined the club in a player/coach capacity.

At 30 he has a few seasons as a player still in front of him. But even more important his coaching expertise will be invaluable. With around 36 players — full-time pros. and trainees on the staff Steve Foley and myself obviously needed help with this important aspect of the behind-the-scenes work. We now have the manpower to give the time needed to do a fully professional job. But here I must also stress the invaluable work done for the club over many years by Colin Henson, Roy Massey and their helpers, they remain a vital part of my team.

We are now entering on a very important part of the season with the Christmas period being a particularly testing time for every club. There is so little in it in the upper reaches of the Division with as many as 10 or 11 clubs striving for a place at the top. Those five games — three home and two away that we face between now and the New Year provide us with a real chance of entering the second-half of the season on a high note. The squad are geared up for the occasion and provided they continue to battle we should fear no-one.

Can I, in this last programme before the festive season, wish everyone a Happy Christmas and successful New Year.

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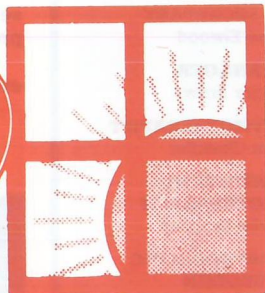


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Team Call

Tonight's visitors Bolton Wanderers are spending their first and they hope what will be their last season in Division Four. They made a poor start to the campaign but are now up among the leaders.

So far they have called on 19 players for league duty, an early spate of injuries causing selection problems for manager **PHIL NEAL**. He has come on as substitute in four matches. Of the players used **WARREN JOYCE** has since been transferred to Preston North End, and **PETER BARNES** who came on loan from Manchester City has returned to Maine Road. Goals have been hard to come by, John Thomas with ten being the leading scorer, with no one else having more than three.

Goalkeeper **DAVID FELGATE** is now in his third spell at Burnden Park. Now 27 he was an apprentice with the club. Spent loan periods with Rochdale, Bradford City and Crewe before Lincoln City paid a fee for his transfer. Made 194 league appearances for the Imps before moving to Grimsby, back to Bolton on loan, then Rotherham on loan before he returned to the Wanderers in return for a £15,000 fee. A Welsh international.

JULIAN DARBY a local lad was 19 in October and has already made over 50 league appearances after first breaking into the side in March last year. Played for England at schoolboy level.

Twenty-six year-old central defender Mark Came joined the club from Winsford United just over three years ago. Has proved to be a good find and has now played more than 100 league games.

The Wanderers acquired a very experienced defender when they signed up 30 year-old **DEAN CROMBIE** on a free transfer from Grimsby Town. A six footer, he started his league career at Lincoln before making 320 appearances for the Mariners. Also had a loan spell at Reading.

Another man with plenty of experience is big defender **DAVE SUTTON**, who although Lancashire born, started out as a youngster with Plymouth Argyle. Now 30 after helping the Home Park side to promotion was sold to Huddersfield where he made 242 appearances. Cost Bolton a £12,000 fee two years ago.

After being a Y.T.S. boy **MARK WINSTANLEY** now 19 was signed as a full-time pro. Had played 16 league games in the back four at the start of this season.

"Mr. Versatile" **DEREK SCOTT** cost the club £30,000 when he was signed from Burnley in June 1985.

A one-time England Schoolboy International, has played around 400 league games for Burnley and Bolton has played in almost every position.

This season former Y.T.S. boy **NICK BROOKMAN** has made a big impression in a midfield role. Just turned 19 he is already attracting attention from several other clubs.

Another of the former Grimsby Town contingent 22 year-old **GARY HENSHAW** is a midfielder man who spent five seasons with the Marines. Signed on a free transfer during the summer.

Midfielder **STEVE THOMPSON** is reputed to have the hardest shot of any of the Bolton players. Served his apprenticeship at the club and is the penalty specialist in the side.

JEFF CHANDLER has spent a lot of time on the sidelines injured this season. He cost £30,000 from Derby during the summer. Now 28 this is his second spell at Bolton, they paid Leeds United £40,000 for him on the first occasion back in 1981. Likes to play wide on the left flank.

IAN MULLINEUX a local lad, was on Y.T.S. Has played two senior games.

TREVOR MORGAN cost £20,000 from Bristol Rovers. Previously with Bournemouth, Bristol City, Mansfield and Exeter City.

Front-runner **JOHN THOMAS** has been a prolific goalscorer in a career embracing outings with Tranmere Rovers, Halifax (both on loan from Everton his first club), Bolton for the first time, Chester, Lincoln and Preston. Bolton paid Preston (he scored 28 goals for them last season), £30,000 in the summer to bring him back to The Trotters.

Another striker **STEVE ELLIOTT** was a £25,000 buy from Walsall last season. Now 29 he was an apprentice with Nottingham Forest, moved on to Preston (208 appearances, 70 goals), joined Luton Town and then had two seasons at Walsall.

ROBBIE SAVAGE was signed in September from Byadford City. Previous clubs Liverpool, where he was an apprentice, Wrexham, Stoke City and Bournemouth. Now 27. Operates on the right-hand side of midfield.

At 21, forward **IAN STEVENS** was signed from non-league Lancaster City. Had previously played a few league games for Preston and Stockport County.

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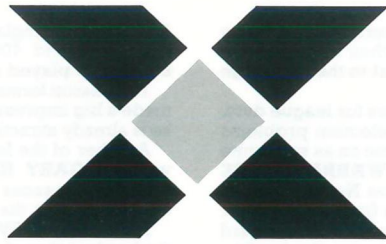
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News on Four

Those who claim that there is now very little gap between standards in the two lower divisions of the league and the G.M. Vauxhall Conference can point to last Saturday's F.A. Cup matches as justification of their claim.

Seven Division Four clubs and three from the Conference made it to Round Three at the first time of asking. Sutton United and those redoubtable cup fighters Yeovil Town triumphed at Peterborough and Cambridge. Fourth Division Wolves, Scunthorpe and Torquay put the skids under Third Division opposition — all playing away from home. Macclesfield on the Sunday shook Third Division Rotherham, winning 4-0.

Pride of place must go to Sutton United. Having shocked Aldershot in the First Round few fancied their chances at London Road against Peterborough United. But they not only won — they did it in style — with a 3-1 victory that was a real shaker for Noel Cantwell's men. Les Lawrence scoring for both sides.

YEOVIL AGAIN

Yeovil's win at the Abbey Stadium was perhaps a little more predictable as Cambridge United have been out of form of late. Even so the Huish Park side operate these days in the Vauxhall Opel League — a rung in the pyramid lower than the Conference.

Bath City, the other Conference first time winners, got through by virtue of a Singleton goal at Welling.

Perhaps the most spectacular success by a Fourth Division side was Scunthorpe United's 2-1 win over Third Division leaders Sunderland. That after former Ipswich Town man Eric Gates had given the Rokerites a 1-0 interval lead. Taylor and David Harle got The Irons' all-important goals in the second-half.

One-time Wisbech Town player Jackie Gallagher put Wolves on the right track at Wigan with a first-half goal. Though Mark Hilditch equalised, Phil Robinson and Bob Dennison registered for the visitors after the break to make it 3-1.

Wrexham who had won at Molineux against Wolves the previous Saturday found Bolton Wanderers (tonight's visitors at Layer Road) tough opponents at The Racecourse

Ground. John Thomas scored twice to put Wanderers through, Joe Hinnigan getting Wrexham's consolation goal.

Torquay's latest signing Tony Caldwell soon paid back part of his transfer fee, his goal being enough to oust Bristol City at Ashton Gate.

Leyton Orient courtesy of Paul Shinnars and Alan Comfort knocked out visiting Swansea. A Bob Colville goal was enough to give Stockport passage into the next round though they had a lot of defending to do against Runcorn at Canal Street.

TWO DRAWS

Division Four could also have two other teams in the Third Round. Halifax forcing a goalless draw against Bobby Roberts' Grimsby Town. While Hartlepool, thanks to a second-half Paul Baker goal, drew 1-2 with York City at Bootham Crescent. The Conference are certain also of another team in the next round with Kidderminster Harriers and Maidstone having to meet again after a 1-1 draw in Kent.

IMPORTANT GAMES

This weekend provides some really interesting encounters none more so than the game here when Bolton Wanderers pay their first ever visit to Layer Road. The Wanderers sit two points behind the U's with a game in hand. They will be hoping to be improved on their away form — only two wins so far, Colchester however will have other ideas.

Leaders Wolves will not find it easy at Hartlepool. Cardiff go to Crewe who so far are unbeaten at home. Leyton Orient must fancy their chances against Tranmere and could possibly end up as table-toppers come Saturday night.

Of the other teams near to the top Scunthorpe United, after that cup win over Sunderland, will have no illusions about their trip to Exeter, never an easy place to get points. Scarborough at home against Peterborough will be hoping that on loan Simon Lowe will be on target again when Peterborough pay a visit to the Yorkshire resort.



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Scene

First a special word of thanks to the officials at Watton United for looking after us so well on a bitterly cold night. The Norfolk team certainly earn full marks for being so helpful and hospitable.

Mind you we reciprocated to some extent by letting them take the two points after missing early chances that could have led to the game going the other way. Though we lost, I could hardly grumble at the lads. Certainly it was not through lack of effort, made all the more meritorious by the fact that six of the youngsters had been in action at West Bromwich Albion the previous night. On a big, heavy pitch, not surprisingly there were some very weary legs at the end of the 90 minutes. It was this that led to us not matching a good first-half display in the second period. Both Scott Young and Gary Smith went close to scoring early on, and with John Reeves, Mark Radford and Micky Jewell running the midfield, things were looking good. But in the last five minutes of the first-half Watton scored twice punishing two defensive errors. Incidentally the only two real mistakes made by our young back four throughout the game.

Watton with this unexpected boost had their tails up

in the second-half and pushed men forward but we contained them well, and near the end a great shot from Smith beat their keeper all the way but hit the bar and came out.

In the cup game at Sudbury once again we made a bright start, missed early chances and then paid the penalty for some sloppy work at the back. Though the 4-0 score flattered the home side they were deserving winners on the day.

That match was the first time I had seen Gary Bennett in action at this level and he turned in a super show. The youngest player on the field, went close to scoring twice, and altogether did himself and the team proud.

The new policy at the club of only including players actually registered at pro., trainee or schoolboy level has meant the departure of three people who have given fine service in the Reserve team.

That great club man and cheerful character Graeme Arnold has moved to Wivenhoe, Michael Whytock to Brightlingsea and Andy Springett is in the process of getting fixed up elsewhere. All three leave with my best wishes for the future. They will be missed but I know our loss will be some other clubs gain.

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Youth Team Topics

Due to Reserve team calls there were ten schoolboys in the 13 man squad that travelled to Bournemouth for last Saturday's S.E.C.L. match. So against a team that had beaten Watford's youth side 2-1 just previously Ken Goodey in charge was obviously non too optimistic.

He was pleasantly surprised when with just seven minutes gone Louis Afor scored a delightful goal. His left foot strike gave the home keeper no chance.

But then inexperience at the back conceded two goals. The first coming when a player was left unmarked in the box following a corner. The second from a free kick with the defensive wall not doing its job.

Two-one at half-time — the boys faced an uphill task — but no heads went down. A super shot from skipper for the day Jason Garwood from fully 30 yards made it all square at 2-2. A point looked to be on the cards. But with just six minutes to go an attack down the left saw the Bournemouth winger get in a cross and leave their unmarked centre-forward with a simple tap in.

Just before that goal Nick Sales broke clean through but his shot hit the keeper's legs. The same player had gone close in the first-half when his shot hit a post and came out.

The team was: Foxhall, Ayton, Wheeler, Bruce, Garwood, Afor, Pollard, Shepperd (Moxham), Sales and Grainger (Chappel).

ADAM GORDON

Adam Gordon unfortunately has not been available for some of the latest games. He has been representing Suffolk in various county games, and has been among

the goals in every match he has played in for them so far.

IPSWICH GAME

Further to that note in the last programme on the match between Colchester United's Under-16's and the lads of similar age from Ipswich Town it was a cracking game. No score at half-time. Then Ipswich went two up, the U's drew level, then went 3-2 down and ended up winning 4-3. Darren Harvey 2, Robert Chappel and Mark Shalford scored the goals.

The team was: David Grover, Gavin Welch (Richard Shultz), John Pollard, Gary Ayton, Martin Granger (Paul Moxham), Wayne Holmes, Karl Baker, Darren Harvey, Lewis Afor, Robert Chappel and Mark Shalford.

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Colchester United	14	5	3	6	27	31	13
Bristol City	14	6	1	7	27	46	13
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The name was changed to Bolton Wanderers in 1877, but it was not until 1895 that they found a permanent home at Burnden Park. Their first league game was against Derby County at Pike's Lane on September 8th, 1888 — not an auspicious start, Derby winning 6-2.

BENEFIT MATCH

The first ever game at Burnden Park was a benefit match for Dai Jones, a Welsh born full-back, with Preston North End providing the opposition. A special lapel rosette was prepared for this game by a printing firm Baines — and must be one of the earliest pieces of football memorabilia still in existence.

Cup winners three times in the 1920's, and again in 1958, runners-up on three other occasions, and beaten semi-finalists ten years ago in 1977. The Trotters have a proud record in that competition. But the league championship has always eluded them, third position three times is the best they have been able to do. They have also won the Second Division championship twice and that of the Third Division once. This season is the first time the Wanderers have found themselves in the basement division.

The 1920's team, they won the first Wembley final beating West Ham 2-0 in 1923, was perhaps the best ever to represent Bolton. Pym the goalkeeper, Haworth, Nuttall, Seddon and Butler played in all three finals when Manchester City, West Ham and Portsmouth were the victims. Finney, Jack, Jennings, J.R. Smith, J. Smith and Vizard appeared in two of the finals, 1921/22 and 1924/25 were also their best seasons in the league.

One record of which The Trotters are not proud happened in 1902/03. They played 23 successive league matches without registering a win, their first points not coming until they beat Notts. County 3-1 on January 17th, 1903. Another record is that of David Jack, the first player to score a goal in a Wembley F.A. Cup final.

GOAL SCORING RECORDS

Joe Smith, a member of that 1923 Cup winning side still holds the club record for most goals in a season scoring 38 in the 1920/21 league campaign. But Nat Lofthouse (1946-61) with 255 league goals in 452 games holds the record for most in a career, though goalkeeper Eddie Hopkinson (1956-70) with 519 games has made most appearances.

The only player we can trace to have appeared in both Colchester United and Bolton Wanderers colours is Bill Bower, who still lives in Colchester, and who although now in his seventies, still helps out with Sudbury Town.

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The Meet The Players' Night at L'Aristos was not as well attended as had been hoped. Nevertheless most of the senior squad players attended, together with most of our Travel Club friends, and a fair number of fans. Though not strictly designed as a fund-raising night more than £200 profit was made.

PLAYER-COACH

A warm welcome to newly appointed player-coach, 30 year-old Keith Williams. A one-time Villa apprentice, Keith has played against Colchester in the past for Northampton Town and Bournemouth.

He played in 243 league games and was Player/Youth team coach at Dean Court last season, making just seven league appearances.

This season he has been playing for Bath City in the Vauxhall Conference on a non-contract basis. At Bournemouth he played alongside U's manager Roger Brown who of course was player-coach under Harry Redknapp.

A midfield player, he hails from Burntwood in Staffordshire.

WRONG KEEPER

Interesting to read in another magazine that Steve Chapman kept goal for Colchester United in that famous F.A. Cup win over Leeds United. Funny because we are sure Graham Smith was between the sticks on that epic occasion. Certainly Steve Chapman was a U's goalkeeper around that time. According to club records however he was the Youth team custodian just about the time that the late Bill Graver decided that the Youth team should be disbanded in the interests of economy.

DRUG TESTS

There was an unexpected first for Colchester United at the Hereford cup match last Saturday. After the game, U's players Terry Baker and Mario Walsh, and Hereford's Gary Stevens and Stewart Phillips had to submit to drugs tests. This is the first time the F.A.'s drug testing team have been at Layer Road. Under the scheme the F.A. powers to drug test players of their choice after a match without prior warning.

IS HE THE YOUNGEST?

Dear Sir,

We thought that the enclosed picture of our son, Michael, might be appropriate for a future U's programme.

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Is another cup run in the offing? Just as we did in the famous Leeds year we have made hard work of beating Tamworth and Hereford in the first two rounds. Now the chips are really down with the trip to Plymouth for a Third Round tie.

Penalty king Nick Chatterton is doing us proud — eight out of nine, and the one that got away he scored from the rebound, you can't improve on that.

This coming Sunday, December 6th is pay-out day for our Christmas Club. The first year we have run one and it has been a big success. The interest the money invested in the club has brought in has been a welcome boost to finances.

Our quiz team of four headed by Barbara Pegram is sitting high in the local league. It has proved to be really popular and educational at the same time.

With this being the last programme before Christmas the Braintree branch would like to wish everyone a Happy Festive Season and a successful New Year. We all look forward to the U's having a splendid second-half to the season with hopefully promotion at the end of it.

Don't forget our next dinner at The Boars Head on January 20th, 7.30p.m. for 8p.m. Tickets at £6 each, wine inclusive, are going quickly — book now! E.J.P.

COLCHESTER BRANCH

Well yes, we are through to the next round of the F.A. Cup, not just any round, but the Third Round. Something that has eluded us since 1984. It may not have been the best game that we have seen, but the goal that Richard Wilkins scored was superb. Just reward for Richard who never knows when to give up. Having said that however, Colin Hill's goal was also a good effort and sealed the result for us. Writing these notes on Sunday afternoon, of course I have no idea of the draw for the Third Round, but by this time tomorrow we shall either be delighted or frustrated at the opposition we come up against in early January.

Is it commiserations to Peterborough and Cambridge or congratulations to Sutton United and Yeovil? I must say I have a soft spot for Sutton United, as a result of a friendship I have with an associate of their club who regularly takes videos of their games. He really hit the high spot last weekend when part of his video of the Sutton v Aldershot match was shown on 'Saint & Greavsie'. Life would be unbearable for me if the U's were drawn against Sutton in the next round.

Seems awfully early to wish you a very Happy Christmas but according to my fixture list we will not enjoy your company at a First team game until after Christmas, in fact December 28th. Therefore a very happy healthy and enjoyable Christmas to you, our supporters, our helpers, stewards and bar personnel and everyone else involved in the football club. B.S.

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Phew! I am writing these notes just after the Hereford Cup tie. To be honest we were a little lucky to win, but I thought Richard Wilkins' goal was good enough to win any game, anywhere.

Our Third Round opponents will be known, by the time you read these notes, if we have to travel, arrangements will be in the Cardiff Programme.

Our next away game is next Friday, Tranmere Rovers are our hosts. Due to motorway problems the coach will leave at 11.30a.m. the fares being adult members £10, junior members £7 and non-members £12. After Tranmere, we then go to Exeter on Boxing Day. For some reason the kick-off has been brought forward to 12 noon which means we will leave Layer Road at 5.30a.m. The fares are adult members £10, junior members £7 and non-members £12. For both these games you can book up by seeing Mark in the hut tonight, or you can phone him on Colchester 540013 between 6 and 9p.m. (but **not** on Christmas Day please).

The Christmas board is around at the moment, you can put your name down by seeing John Tweed on away match days, or at the hut before or after the home games. The draw will be made during the journey to Exeter.

D.K.

Hospital Radio

Congratulations to the team on their win over Hereford last Saturday, which means we are in the hat for the next round. The bitterly cold afternoon must have kept many supporters away from the match, there was perhaps some consolation for being in hospital tucked up in the warm listening to the hospital commentary.

As explained before in these notes, Hospital Radio Colchester is a charitable organisation and we have to raise in the region of £4,000 per annum in order to keep our heads above water. One of the events which contributes to this is being held tomorrow — our annual Christmas Fayre, this is being held in the Lion Walk Church Hall (above Richard Shops and opposite Boots the Chemist in the precinct). We are open from 10a.m. to late afternoon and have a wide range of modestly priced goods suitable for Christmas presents, a continuous supply of refreshments during the day, a good way of refreshing yourself, resting your aching feet and helping Hospital Radio to continue bringing commentaries on all First Team home matches, and many other programmes every day of the week, including our popular request programme. Do please come along if you happen to be shopping.

Today's match is the last before Christmas and all at Hospital Radio Colchester wish you all you would wish yourself for the festive season, but please don't forget those unfortunate enough to spend the time in hospital, send them a cheery greeting over our network, simply phone Colchester 576141 — the studio will be manned on Christmas day.

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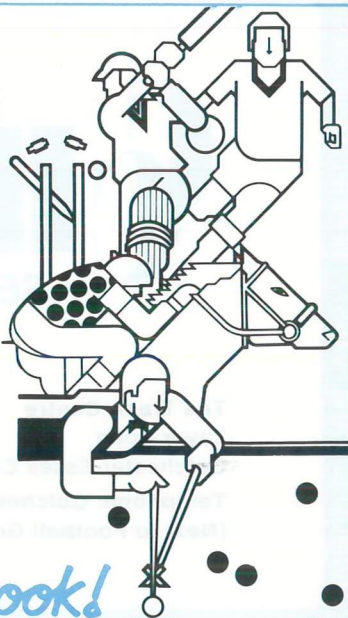
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Source: *The Book of Football Quotations*, Peter Ball and Phil Shan (Stanley Paul, an imprint of Carlton, Hutchinson Ltd.).

COOK'S FAREWELL FINALE

Layer Road bid farewell to Micky Cook in style when 1,263 fans turned up for his testimonial game on a bitterly cold night.

A galaxy of favourites from the past were on parade for this very special occasion — the first Colchester United player to qualify for two testimonial matches. A fitting reward for 15 years of fine service to the club.

Thickening waist lines — older legs — but yet the old skills were much in evidence from the veterans on the field. Both the Colchester and Ipswich sides were leavened by the presence of performers still in action such as Ian Allinson, Perry Groves, Ian Atkins, Alec Chamberlain and Craig Forest. There was also Alan Brazil showing all his best touches, and of course Cook himself still very fit despite advancing years and a thinning on top.

Towards the end the crowd were also treated to the spectacle of Hunter v Hunter, with Allan playing on the opposite side to his son Lee.

The result Ipswich Past & Present 3 Colchester Aged & Younger 0 was immaterial — it was a good evenings entertainment.

It was also noted that Micky Packer was as quick as ever — after the game — he was first in the bar.

For the record the teams were:

Colchester: Chamberlain (Gadsdon), Cook, Packer, Leslie, Harford, Moore (Lee Hunter), Foley, Allinson, Dyer, Groves (Hodge), Longhorn.



Ipswich: Forrest, Atkins (Brown), Lampard, Neil Woods, McIntock, Clive Woods, Lambert, Osborne, Brazil, Whymark, A. Hunter (Carter).

Goals: Brazil 2 Neil Woods 1.

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For the Family

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Youngsters who are regular on the Sporting U's Family Terrace have received some super little gifts over the weeks — all sorts of things from badges to Mars Bars, from coloured pencils to Quiz Cards and sherbert dips!

But today's 'freebie' is really special and we are indebted to Steve Miller at Miller Stationery, 10 St. Botolph's Street in Colchester. Every child is receiving a £1.00 Gift Token!!!

With Christmas coming up and lots more presents to buy this will go a little way towards helping solve one of the problems. Please, Family Terrace kids, when you visit Miller Stationery, don't

forget to mention where you received the gift token.

WELCOME TODAY

Several special Welcomes tonight.

In the grandstand we are pleased to say hello to groups from Great Tey F.C. Under-12's with Manager Ian Begbie; from Heybridge Boys Under-11's with Manager Jim Gothard; from St. Luke's School in Tiptree with teacher Mr. Benson; and, last but not least, several lads who will be receiving Coca-Cola Super Skills awards during half-time (details on the Sporting U's page).

A warm Layer Road welcome to you all. Enjoy your evening.



OUR Mascot FOR TODAY

Robert Roddy celebrated his 10th birthday only nine days ago. He attends the Cherry Tree school in Colchester and plays soccer for Reed Hall Youth. He can often be seen at Sporting U's events and in the crowd at United matches. Robert is also a member of the 5th Colchester Cub pack.

The Roddy family will be in the stand tonight to support Robert and we hope they all have a memorable evening.



United's MASCOTS are selected by Sporting U's and receive a souvenir of the day by courtesy of Peter Joyce from
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YOUR MUG. If it is your face in the circle you have won a Colchester United Mug. Please collect same from Tony Willoughby at the Sporting U's.

LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

		F-A	GATE
Aug	15 Burnley	A 3-0	5,369 Benstead
	18 Fulham L/W.C. (1)	A 1-3	2,782 Lake*
	21 Torquay United	H 0-1	1,372 Benstead
	25 Fulham L/W.C. (2)	H 0-2	1,554 Walton
	29 Scunthorpe United	A 2-2	2,003 Benstead
	31 Scarborough	H 1-3	1,535 Benstead
Sept	4 Crewe Alexandra	A 0-0	1,843 Benstead
	12 Peterborough United	H 4-1	1,164 Benstead
	16 Hereford United	A 0-1	1,955 Benstead
	19 Hartlepool United	A 1-3	1,698 Benstead
	25 Exeter City	H 0-2	1,443 Benstead
	29 Swansea City	H 2-1	1,140 Benstead
Oct	3 Newport County	A 2-1	1,200 Benstead
	9 Leyton Orient	H 0-0	1,665 Benstead
	13 Peterborough F.R.T.	H 3-2	916 Benstead
	17 Wrexham	A 1-0	1,493 Benstead
	20 Carlisle	H 1-0	1,328 Benstead
	24 Cambridge United	A 1-0	2,450 Benstead
	30 Darlington	H 2-1	1,659 Benstead
Nov	3 Rochdale	A 4-1	1,399 Benstead
	6 Halifax Town	A 2-1	1,423 Benstead
	14 Tamworth F.A. Cup 1	H 3-0	3,215 Walton
	21 Wolverhampton Wan.	H 0-1	2,413 Walton
	25 Cambridge United	A 0-0	857 Walton
	27 Stockport County	A 1-1	1,703 Walton
Dec	5 Hereford F.A. Cup 2	H 3-2	2,216 Walton
	11 Bolton Wanderers	H	
	18 Tranmere Rovers	A	
	26 Exeter City	A	
	28 Cardiff City	H	
Jan	1 Scunthorpe United	H	
	2 Peterborough United	A	
	9 Torquay United	A	
	15 Hartlepool United	H	
	23 Hereford United	H	
	30 Scarborough	A	
Feb	5 Crewe Alexandra	H	
	13 Cardiff City	A	
	19 Burnley	H	
	26 Newport County	H	
Mar	1 Swansea City	A	
	4 Wrexham	H	
	12 Leyton Orient	A	
	19 Darlington	H	
	25 Cambridge United	A	
Apr	1 Halifax Town	H	
	4 Wolverhampton Wan.	A	
	8 Rochdale	H	
	23 Carlisle United	A	
	29 Stockport County	H	
May	2 Bolton Wanderers	A	
	6 Tranmere Rovers	H	
	14 F.A. Cup Final	?	



Hinshelwood	Norman	Chatterton	Baker	Hedman	White
Hinshelwood	Norman	Chatterton	Baker	Hedman	White
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Hinshelwood	Norman*	Chatterton	Baker	Hedman	White
Hinshelwood	Grenfell	Chatterton	Baker	Hedman	White
Hinshelwood*	Grenfell	Chatterton	English	Hedman	White
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Hedman	Grenfell	Chatterton	Baker	Hin'wood	White
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MATCH FACTS HEREFORD UNITED

Goals: Chatterton pen. 2 mins, Wilkins 37 mins, Hill 76 mins for Colchester. Stant 9 mins and Phillips 89 mins for Hereford.

Corners: Colchester 8, Hereford 10.

Free Kicks: Colchester 14, Hereford 12.

Offside: Colchester 4, Hereford 6.

Shots on Target: Colchester 9, Hereford 7.

Missed Chances: Colchester 3, Hereford 2.

Bookings: Baker (Colchester) foul.

Chatterton's eighth penalty conversion of the season.

FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY

The U's have a home tie with Leyton Orient in the next round of the Freight Rover Trophy. The match will be during the week commencing January 18th, exact details will be in the Cardiff City programme on December 28th.

The League match with the O's on October 9th ended in a 0-0 draw.

NORCROS

Results 87/88

Tables 87/88



English1	Walsh1	Lowe1	Wilkins	Reeves	Grenfell
English	Walsh	Lowe	Wilkins	Reeves*	Grenfell
English	Walsh*	Lowe	Wilkins	Reeves*	Grenfell
English	Walsh*	Lowe	Wilkins	Reeves*	Grenfell*
English	Tempest	Lowe	Wilkins1	Grenfell*	Walsh
English	Tempest1	Lowe	Wilkins	Walsh	Reeves
Reeves	Tempest	Lowe	Wilkins	Walsh	Norman*
Wilkins	Tempest1	Lowe*	Radford	Walsh*1	Smith
Wilkins	Tempest	Walsh	Radford	Lowe	Smith
Wilkins	Tempest	Walsh*	Reeves	Lowe*	Smith
Wilkins	Tempest	Lowe*	Reeves	Walsh	Norman
Wilkins	Tempest1	Norman	Reeves	Walsh	Smith
Wilkins1*	Tempest	Norman	Reeves	Walsh*	Smith
Wilkins	Tempest	Norman	Reeves	Walsh	Smith
Wilkins	Tempest2	Norman1	Reeves	Lowe	Smith
Wilkins*	Tempest	English	Reeves1	Norman	Lowe*
Wilkins	Tempest1	English	Reeves	Walsh	Norman
Wilkins	Tempest	English	Reeves	Smith	Lowe*
Wilkins1	Tempest	English	Reeves*	Walsh*	Hill*
Wilkins2	Tempest	English	Reeves	Walsh	Hill
Wilkins1	Tempest	English	Reeves	Radford	Walsh
Wilkins1	Tempest1	English	Reeves	Smith	Lowe
Wilkins	Tempest	English	Reeves	Walsh	Radford
Wilkins	Tempest	English	Reeves*	Hill*	Walsh
Wilkins	Tempest	English	Reeves	Hill*	Walsh*
Wilkins1*	Tempest	English	Grenfell	Walsh*	Radford

FOURTH DIVISION

	HOME				GOALS		AWAY				GOALS		
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wolves	20	6	1	3	20	9	5	3	2	15	11	37	
Leyton Orient	20	7	0	2	31	12	3	6	2	16	15	36	
Cardiff	20	7	3	1	19	11	3	2	4	9	12	35	
Torquay	20	6	1	3	18	8	4	3	3	13	12	34	
Colchester	20	4	1	4	10	10	6	3	2	17	10	34	
Scarborough	20	6	4	0	20	7	3	2	5	9	14	33	
Bolton	19	7	3	1	18	6	2	2	4	9	12	32	
Scunthorpe	20	6	3	2	17	9	2	4	3	16	18	31	
Hartlepool	20	5	3	2	16	13	3	3	4	11	11	30	
Burnley	20	5	3	2	11	11	4	0	6	10	19	30	
Swansea	20	5	1	4	17	14	4	1	5	12	14	29	
Crewe	20	4	5	0	16	8	2	5	4	14	18	28	
Cambridge	20	3	2	4	14	10	5	2	4	11	12	28	
Peterborough	19	6	2	3	18	10	2	2	4	5	11	28	
Darlington	19	3	3	3	9	11	4	2	4	21	19	26	
Exeter	18	4	3	2	15	8	3	1	5	13	15	25	
†Halifax	20	6	2	3	19	13	1	3	5	7	14	25	
Wrexham	20	5	2	2	16	8	2	1	8	7	19	24	
Hereford	20	2	4	5	8	15	4	1	4	7	9	23	
Stockport	20	3	1	7	9	14	3	2	4	9	12	21	
Carlisle	20	5	2	3	24	17	1	1	8	9	28	21	
*Tranmere	19	4	0	5	14	8	2	2	6	7	16	18	
Rochdale	20	1	4	5	13	20	2	2	6	6	26	15	
Newport	20	2	1	5	8	9	1	1	10	8	33	11	

*2pts deducted for failing to meet a fixture.

†1pt deducted for playing ineligible player.

DECEMBER FIXTURE LIST

Sat. 12th CHATTERIS TOWN (A) B.S.E.L.	3p.m.
Sat. 12th BRENTFORD (H) S.E.C.L.	11a.m.
Sat. 12th COLCHESTER U-15 (H) G.T.	2p.m.
Tues. 15th TIPTREE UTD. (A) B.S.E.L.	7.30p.m.
Wed. 16th KETTERING (H) E.J.F. Cup	7.30p.m.
Fri. 18th TRANMERE ROVERS (A) B.L.	7.30p.m.
Sat. 19th BRIGHTON (A) S.E.C.L.	11a.m.
Sat. 19th WATTON (H) B.S.E.L.	3p.m.
Sat. 26th EXETER CITY (A) B.L.	12 noon
Mon. 28th CARDIFF (H) B.L.	7.30p.m.
Mon. 28th HAVERHILL (A) B.S.E.L.	To be advised

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SUSPENSIONS

Terry Baker misses today's match against Bolton Wanderers as he has started a three-match suspension.

John Reeves completes his suspension period this weekend and will be available for selection against Tranmere Rovers next week.

OUR THANKS

We would like to thank Associate Director Mr. Ted Briscoe for sponsoring the Second Round F.A. Cup tie against Hereford United.

Mr. Briscoe is the principal of a Graphic Designer business in New Kings Road, London. SW6.

We trust that Mr. Briscoe and his guests enjoyed their day at Layer Road.

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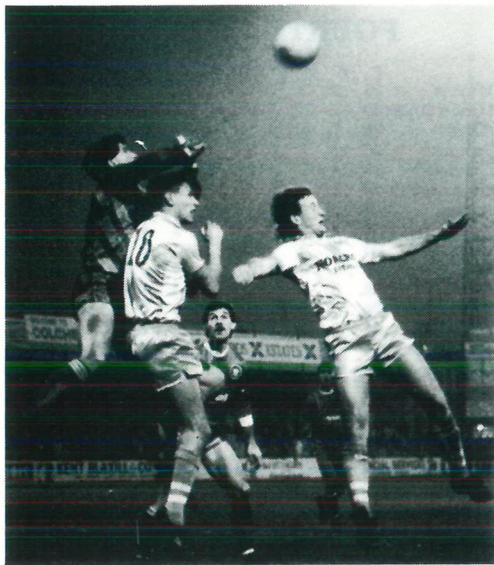
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ESTATES

Shots from the Games



Kevin Rose punches the ball clear when challenged by Tony English and Terry Baker following a Winston White corner.

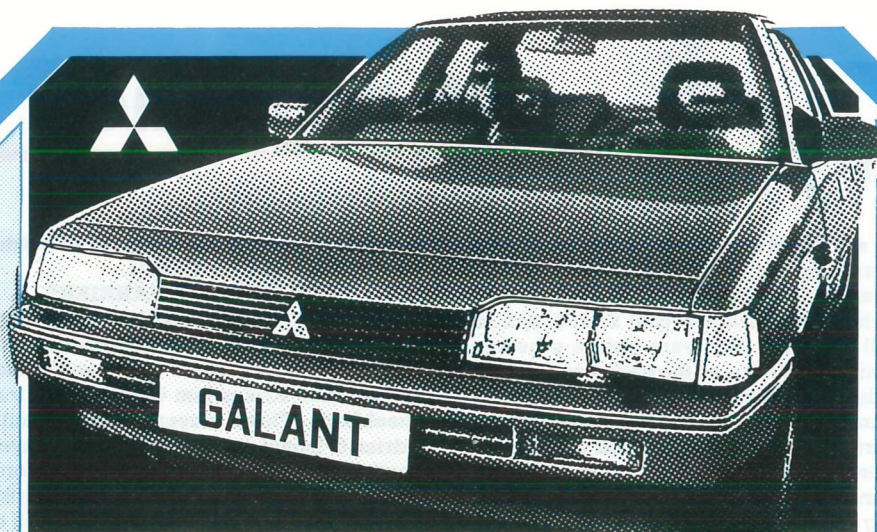


The Dale Tempest one-arm salute as he wins the ball in the air despite the attentions of Hereford's Gary Stevens.

v Hereford United



Dead eye Nick! It's eyes down and head over the ball as Nick Chatterton knocks in his eighth penalty of the season to give the U's a second minute lead in last Saturday's F.A. Cup tie.



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Spare a thought for those Hereford United supporters who set off in high spirits to visit Colchester for last Saturday's F.A. Cup match.

They chartered a train — cost £1,200, and all went well — in fact they were before schedule approaching London — so the train was diverted into a siding at Ealing.

After an hour or so the train progressed as far as Stratford where it was learned that someone — somewhere had forgotten to log the train and due to engineering works on the line there was no chance of getting to Colchester in time for the game.

TURNED AWAY

Arrangements were then hurriedly made for the passengers to be transported to Leyton to view the Orient v Swansea tie at Brisbane Road. On arrival at Leyton however the police turned the Hereford fans away saying it was not practical to segregate them from the O's fans on the one hand and the Swans' supporters on the other.

Ultimately nearly all the travellers made their own way back to Hereford on ordinary service trains. There were only eight passengers on the special train on the journey back from Stratford.

Not surprisingly British Rail are now facing a hefty claim from the Hereford United Supporters Club.

WELL I NEVER

Surprise-surprise to pick up a national paper and learn from the sports pages that Torquay United striker Tony Caldwell had been sold to Colchester United.

It is true that the U's did take a look at Caldwell some years ago when he was playing for the quaintly named Horwich Railway Mechanics Institute. But the nearest he got to Layer Road was when he signed from Bolton Wanderers in June 1983. Someone — somewhere has got his lines crossed.

GILZEAN MARK 2

Playing for Stansted in the Essex League is Alan Gilzean, son of the famous one-time Spurs

player and Scottish international. Alan junior has joined Stansted from Enfield.

INJURY HIT HARRIERS

F.A. Trophy holders Kidderminster Harriers have had a terrible time with injuries and have had several key players out of action including sought after striker Kim Casey with a fractured cheekbone. Three players, keeper Paul Jones, Adrian O'Dowd and former Wolves player Colin Brazier have needed cartilage operations. One-time Scunthorpe man Alan Boxall and striker Paul Davies have also had long lay-offs. Still despite that the Harriers still managed to beat Hereford United 3-0 in a Welsh Cup match at Edgar Street.

THEY'VE DONE IT BEFORE

Macclesfield Town who caused a major shock by beating Rotherham United 4-0 in the F.A. Cup Second Round are no strangers to the Third Round. In the 1967/68 season they beat Stockport County 2-1, after a 1-1 draw, and Spennymoor United 2-0 before going out 4-2 to Fulham at Craven Cottage.

Since 1960 they have appeared in the First Round draw on 10 occasions.

SUTTON'S LEEDS LINK

Sutton United who shocked Peterborough in 1970 reached the Fourth Round before going out 6-0 to Leeds United. In the three earlier rounds they had beaten Dagenham 1-0, Barnet 2-0 (both away from home) and Hillingdon 4-0 after a 0-0 draw. Leeds as we all know then came to Layer Road in Round 5 and lost 3-2

YEOVIL'S RECORD

Yeovil winners at Cambridge will be making their 9th appearance among the big boys in Round Three. In the past they have played Liverpool, Manchester United (twice), Sheffield Wednesday, Fulham, Bury (twice), Arsenal and Norwich City at this stage of the competition. They got to the Fifth Round in 1949 beating Sunderland 2-1 at Huish Park in Round Four before going out 8-0 at Old Trafford in the next round.



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Don't forget the Colchester United Supporter's Club/Ind Coope sponsored football five-a-side competition.

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Arrangements are being made for the matches to go ahead on the Layer Road pitch in the New Year. It will be quite a day out with the teams participating

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No entry fee. So here's a chance for the lads from your house to show what they can do on the football pitch.

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The present Argyle club was formed in 1910 and can claim to be the first football club to use air travel. That happened way back in 1933 but was frowned on by the league management committee of the day. The experimental trip was financed by Mr. A.C. Ballard, the Argyle Chairman of the time, and he even offered to buy an aeroplane for the club if the league had been prepared to give its consent.

With Plymouth's geographical position air travel would obviously have been of great advantage to the club over the years. But Mr. Ballard was ahead of his times and the scheme never got off the ground.

Their Home Park ground was originally the home of Devonport (now Devonport Services) Rugby club. They left in 1898 following a rent dispute, and three years later the Argyle Athletic Club (formed in 1886) moved in on Whit Monday 1901.

Clarence Spooner, the leaseholder of Home Park, soon decided that amateur sport would not bring in enough money to maintain the ground. As a result the club turned professional and joined the Southern League in 1903. They won the championship in 1913

before the First World War led to a closing down during the hostilities.

When League football resumed Plymouth Argyle became founder members of the newly formed League Division Three South. Between 1921 and 1927 they finished runners-up six times, a galling experience, as only one team were promoted in those days. Eventually in 1930 Plymouth won the championship of the Southern Section with a record number of points, 68 points (two for a win).

They survived in Division Two until 1950. Since then they have alternated between Divisions Two and Three, never quite making it to Division One and avoiding the drop to Division Four.

In the F.A. Cup they reached the semi-final in 1983/84 and have twice been in the semi-finals of the League Cup in 1965 and 1974.

During the Second World War, Home Park suffered greatly from German bombing. The grandstand, built in 1930 at a cost of £11,000 was completely destroyed, and the playing area pock marked with bomb craters. For almost five years the ground was overgrown, cluttered by rubble and twisted steelwork. Then in 1945 the wrecked stand was cleared, the pitch repaired and two years later the present impressive double decker stand was ready for use.

Though the record attendance stands at 43,596 against Aston Villa back in 1936, the Home Park capacity today, in line with safety regulations, is 19,000 — with 2,933 seated. There are also 16 executive boxes — officially opened in February 1986.

Colchester United have met The Pilgrims in the league Division Three on 20 occasions. In their 10 league visits to Devonshire the U's have never won at Home Park but have drawn six times. Indeed their last visit there on August 16th 1980 ended in a 1-1 draw. Plymouth have been successful once in 10 trips to Layer Road and that was back on April 26th 1958.

In November 1979 the U's won 1-0 at Home Park in the F.A. Cup 1st Round after a 1-1 draw at Layer Road.

One has to go back however to October 9th 1937 for Colchester's first ever visit to Plymouth. That was for a match in the U's first season as a pro. club in the Southern League. Argyle won by the odd goal in nine, the U's' scorers, Alec Cheyne, George Ritchie and Reg Smith.

Eric Burgess, Dave Burnside, Len Jones, Neil Langman, John Sims, Lindsay Smith, Steve Wooldridge and George Wright have played for both clubs in the Football League. Alf "Dusty" Miller, and John Hodge played for the U's in the Southern League after joining the club from Argyle, Miller was Trainer for two seasons at Layer Road. Stewart Houston was Coach at both clubs.

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By **KEVIN DRURY**

1979/80 brought another complete transformation on the programme front at Layer Road. Colchester firm Blenheim Publicity and Print Presentations were now the printers of a 20 page, 25p programme with a large 9½"x7" page size and a design based on that of the Manchester United Cup tie special of the year before. It made similar use of blue print for the adverts and titles but also introduced a programme mascot, a cartoon character called 'Layer Road Larry' who was dotted around its pages.

Larry also occupied the centre of the cover with the slogan "Layer Road Larry Heads U's Drive to Division Two" beneath. The U's nearly realised that dream as they had their best league season since 1956/57, even if the brand of football adopted was the subject of some criticism on the terraces.

WHERE WAS IT?

The background for the cover is provided by a colour photo of a packed terrace occupied by fans bedecked in blue and white. The ground is certainly not Layer Road and I think the photo may have been taken at Goodison Park during the 1970/71 6th round cup-tie. I am sure it dates from around that time as a couple of the faces are familiar as lads who had been in the year above me at school. A sign of the growing importance attached to the club's financial supporters is the spotlighting of each of the programme advertisers in turn across the bottom of the cover. The major development on the commercial front was reported in the issue of 8 March with the announcement that the Royal London M.I.S. Ltd. would sponsor the club in 1980/81.

KEEGAN'S DEBUT

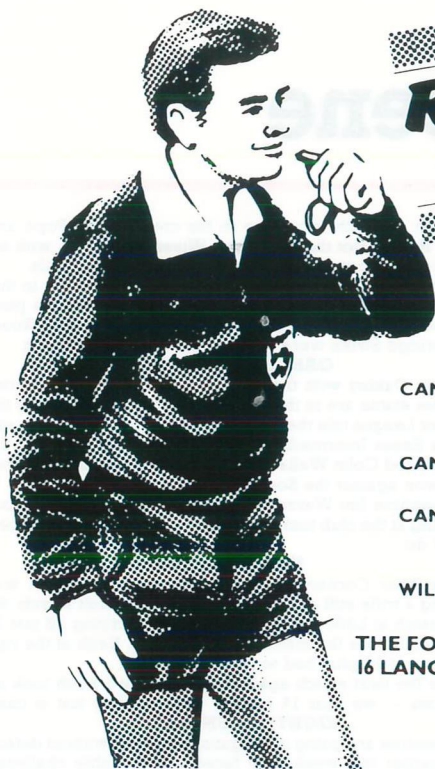
Inside the programme the panel listing the directors and officials shows that commercial manager Eddie Keegan had taken over the editorship and there was another wide-ranging shake up of the content. Out went the preview of forthcoming visitors that had filled space under various titles for the past ten years. Out too went the three major articles that Bernard Webber had contributed in 1978/79 and for once he appears not to be involved. This was the season when present editor Hal Mason became involved in the programme.

The replacements were mostly bits and pieces but included two new feature articles. These were 'Be a Better Player', a coaching series (credited to and written by) U's coach Ray Harford and 'Larry's Column'. The author of the latter was Frank Rowland, erstwhile 'Terracite', once again enlivening the programme with his entertaining and occasionally acerbic writing talents. Some of his pet topics of yesteryear raised their heads again such as the senseless barracking of individual players although the onfield success was very effective in silencing that particular undesirable trait before the season was very old.

He also drew attention to the feeling on the terraces that the U's style of play placed rather less consistent emphasis on attack than the punters preferred. However he saved his ire for the local council who were displaying their usual indifference, if not downright hostility, towards the football club and any hopes or plans it might have to improve its status or facilities. On a more light-hearted note is the tale of the Sheffield Wednesday fans who were walking down Layer Road after the game convinced that their side had lost. Apparently they thought that U's striker Trevor Lee had scored when in fact his shot had rebounded from the underside of the bar. It seems our brainless wonders had not noticed that the game did not restart from the centre circle! I refuse to believe that they could think you simply play on after a goal is scored.

IT WAS A DREAM

Finally to return to the theme of ground development and a picture of the stadium we might have seen around us tonight. In the 22 March issue under the title 'Dream or Reality' is a description of the blueprint for Layer Road in the 1980's. The stadium would be three sided with the pitch being moved 23 feet towards the open end leaving only a few lines of standing room there. A new covered stand, able to accommodate 5,000, would be built at the Layer Road end and would be suitable for conversion to seating at a future date while on the Barside would be a new seating stand incorporating executive boxes. Definitely a dream.



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Local Scene

CHANGE AT LOWESTOFT

Paul Chick and his coach Donny Pye are the latest managerial casualties in the B.S.E.L. Chick almost left Lowestoft Town a year ago when he was offered the Diss Town job. But he decided to stay on with The Blues even though he knew that financial stringencies would mean having to rely on local players instead of importing experienced players as in the past.

Paul had been with Lowestoft for five seasons and had a good record over the years. This season however Lowestoft have had little success and are near the bottom of the league. One-time Ipswich junior Marty Hubble is to take charge as a temporary measure.

WHYMARK'S BRACE

Trevor Whymark who played in Micky Cook's testimonial match is still turning out regularly in the Anglian Combination. He scored twice for Wortwell when they beat Thetford 4-2 in the Norfolk Senior Cup last Saturday.

FIRM QUILTS

Another manager to quit is former Leeds United and Peterborough United player Neil Firm who has been in charge at Diss Town for the past eight months.

Apparently there has been a difference of opinion behind the scenes and with Diss third from bottom of the Anglian Combination things were not too happy at The Tangerines headquarters.

Firm who was player-manager and club steward has been replaced as caretaker boss by Dickie Upson. Dickie has in the past been player, secretary and manager at the club and has served Diss well for more than 25 years.

LYNN POST?

Thirty-four year-old Mike Czucman is said to be in line for the manager's job at Kings Lynn. The former Grimsby Town, Scunthorpe, Stockport and York City player had a brief spell at The Walks as a player. The other candidate is Alan Taylor, the former West Ham and Norwich City player, currently with Bury, but living in Dereham.

BROAD LANE THRILLER

It was a seven-goal thriller at Broad Lane last Saturday when Wivenhoe beat Letchworth 4-3 in a Vauxhall Opel top-of-the-table match. Paul Harrison continued his goal

scoring run with two more to his credit, Keith Pope and Gary Harvey got the other two. Wivenhoe led 4-1 with six minutes left, but let Letchworth in for two late goals.

Altogether it was a good day for the Essex clubs in that section of the Vauxhall Opel. Witham Town, after a poor run, went down to Aveley and won 4-0 at Scraley Road. Heybridge Swifts were 3-1 winners over Hornchurch.

OAKLEY ON COURSE

Little Oakley with their sights set on Eastern Counties League status are in the meantime in line for retaining the Border League title they won last season. They are also still in the Essex Intermediate Cup. Despite being without the suspended Colin Wallace, they travelled down to Runwell and won against the Southern area side.

Meantime Jim Warnes is running a fifties/sixties music evening at the club tomorrow night (Saturday). Should be a good do.

KEITH'S DEBUT

We hear Cornard United supremo Keith Martin was feeling a trifle stiff after having to name himself as sub. for the match at Little Oakley. With a player crying off just 15 minutes before the match got under way, Keith at the ripe old age of 40 plus had to make his debut.

For the next match against Long Melford Keith took no chances — we hear 14 players were on duty just in case.

EIGHTEEN UNBEATEN

Braintree are going great guns, 18 games without defeat. But earlier this week they faced a formidable challenge when Grays Athletic were due at Cressing Road in the Essex Senior Cup. Grays currently at the top of the Vauxhall Opel League represented a big obstacle. Then tomorrow (Saturday) United Counties League leaders Spalding United are the visitors in the F.A. Vase.

Other interesting Vase matches tomorrow are at Haverhill where Berkhamstead Town are the visitors, and at Sidegate Lane, Ipswich, where Ransomes entertain Gresley Rovers. There should also be a good gate at The Priory Stadium where Sudbury Town entertain South Midlands League side Shillington. The Bedfordshire side it should be noted, have only lost one match this season.

TREATMENT ROOM TOPICS

Since my return to the U's from Portman Road before the start of the present season I have organised the day-to-day routine in the medical room. On the lines I consider to be best for the players. My job is to get injured players fit for match play as quickly as possible. This usually means several treatment and rehabilitation sessions every day including Saturdays.

All players injured on Saturday have to report to me on Sunday morning. The recent acquisition of an ice-making machine is a great help in the early treatment of injury. All injuries are my responsibility in the first place and the trainers with the Reserve and Youth teams know what I expect as regards to early treatment. I then decide on the best course of rehabilitation. Some injuries have to be referred to the club doctor for him to decide the correct treatment and in this respect I am fortunate that Dr. Peter Snell is readily available to see players at my request. He also attends all home games.

In addition I am fortunate to be able to call upon the experience and expertise of our consultant physiotherapist Charlie Simpson. In my early days with Ipswich Town I was fortunate to be working under Charlie's son Brian, so you can well understand the high esteem in which I hold them both.

John Chandler

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Black Award

Simon Bailey, Philip Clark, Brian Pittock, Neil Pittock and Paul Woolf.

Silver Award

Daniel Crewe and James Townrow.

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Darren Davies, Shane Davies and Scott Juniper.

Other youngsters were successful on the same course (held in the October half-term week) but are unfortunately not able to be with us tonight.

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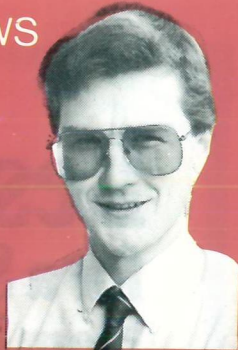
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